

THE LITTLE GIRL

who grew up in an apple tree.



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Once upon a time there was a little girl around the age of 5. In the summer she stayed at her Grandma and Grandpa's house with her older cousin Julie. Julie was 10 at the time. In their grandparents yard was an apple tree. This tree was the perfect tree to climb in and pick fruit off of when it was fall.

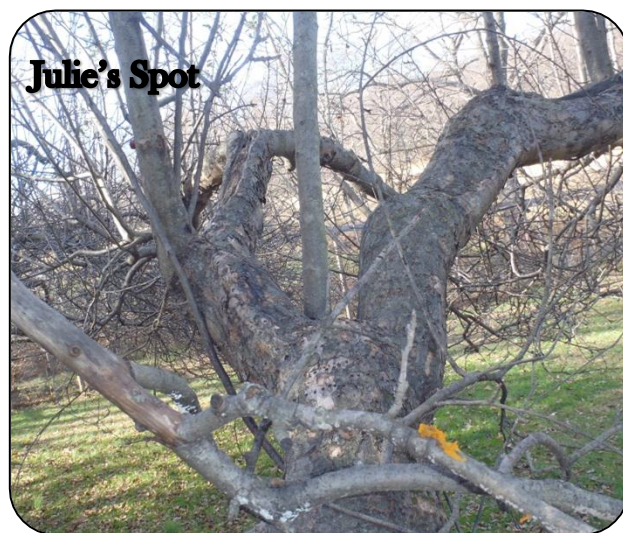


There were at least four perfect sitting spots in this apple tree which worked out because 4 girls would sit in it all summer long. One was the little girl who you are getting to know, another was her cousin, Julie, and the other two girls were twins from the neighbors down at the farm. The two twins named Tina and Jenny were the same age as Julie and because of that, the little girl wasn't included when they played at times.

The Little Girl's Spot



Julie's Spot



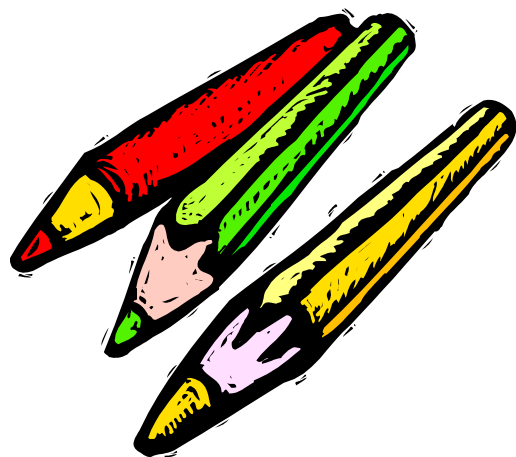
Tina's Spot



Jenny's Spot



However on this particular day, all the girls played together in the apple tree. Julie had a great idea! She then ran into her grandparents' house and came back with some string, clothes pins, paper, and colored pencils. This excellent idea was to create a mailing system in the apple tree! Each girl had a special spot in the tree. The girls quickly climbed to their spot, took the string and wrapped it everywhere in the tree. Each spot was connected.



Then each girl received a colored pencil, some clothes pins, and some paper. They played for hours. A girl would write a note on a piece of paper, use the clothes pin to attach it to the string, and then pull the string so the note could move to the next person. From there, if the note was addressed to the girl who received it, she would read it. If the note was not addressed to her, she would attach it to a different piece of string and send it to the person who it was addressed too.

To Julie

You are great!!

From The Little Girl

Later when the little girl and Julie's grandma came down the drive way, all she could see was four girls in the apple tree with so much string in it too. Their grandma said that she had never seen so much string in a tree before! That day the little girl had the chance to play with the older girls, build a mailing system in a tree, and practice writing and communicating with others. The little girl still remembers this day 14 years later.



THE END!